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SUBJECT: IFAD: PRESIDENCY AND SITE

1. WHILE NOT FORMAL PREPARATORY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS,
SITE AND PRESIDENCY AND VICE-PRESIDENCY WERE VITAL ISSUES
DUE TO ACTIVE CORRIDOR LOBBYING BY SHIHATA AND SUDEARY FOR
PRESIDENCY AND IRAN FOR PERMANENT SITS.

2. STRENGTH OF IRANIAN DESIRE FOR SITE DEMONSTRATED BY INVITATION
TO HOST APRIL 4-9 PREPARATORY COMMISSION AND COVER ALL EXTRA
CONFERENCE COSTS. NO DELEGATION OPPOSED PROPOSAL, SO IT WAS
ACCEPTED.

3. FURTHER IRANIAN MANEUVERING FOR SITE SEEN IN ATTEMPT DURING
AGENDA DISCUSSION OF GOVERNING COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE WHERE
IRAN TRIED TO BLOCK USE OF SECRET BALLOT. SECRET VOTE ON SITE
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IS CRITICAL SINCE A NUMBER OF LDC'S MIGHT PREFER ROME BUT COULD
BE INTIMIDATED IN OPEN VOTE.

4. BOTH PREPARATORY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN SUDEARY (SAUDI)
AND OPEC FUND DIRECTOR SHIHATA (EGYPTIAN NATIONAL, WITH
KUWAIT PASSPORT) ARE ACTIVELY PROMOTING OWN CANDIDACIES.

SHIHATA HAS REINFORCED HIS CANDIDACY BY TAKING LEADERSHIP POSITION IN ALL PLENARY DISCUSSIONS AND STRESSING NEED TO MAKE IFAD A LEAN, INDEPENDENT, FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTION.

5. OECD COUNTRIES, NONE OF WHOM HAVE FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS ON ISSUE, ARE AWARE OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION, AGREE CATEGORY II AND III (OPEC AND LDC'S) AS A GROUP CANNOT HAVE BOTH SITE AND PRESIDENCY, AND HAVE AGREED TO COORDINATE CLOSELY BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT PREPARATORY COMMISSION. DECISION WAS MADE TO HOLD DAC MEETING AND USE REGULAR DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO CONVEY SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW ISSUE. MANY OTHER OECD DELEGATIONS SHARE OUR POSITION THAT RATIFICATION WILL DEPEND ON SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT ON SITE/PRESIDENCY ISSUE.
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